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1. The following air activity was observed at Altenburg airfield between 21 July and 4 August 1952:
21 July. Between 9 and 9:30 a.m., four jet fighters took off. They were not observed landing prior to 9:50 a.m. During the morning, 14 jet fighters were counted at the field. Between 8:50 and 9:50 a.m., 10 to 13 groups of 15 men each were drilling with rifles.
23 July. Take-offs were made by two jet fighters at 9:35 a.m. and another two jet fighters at 9:50 a.m. Fourteen jet fighters were counted at the field.
25 July. Take-offs were made by a biplane at 9:40 a.m. and two jet fighters at 10:50 a.m. Maintenance work was being done on jet fighters. The engines of three planes were run up. A jet fighter without wings was observed in front of the repair hangar.
27 July. About 10 a.m., four jet fighters took off and practiced formation flying.
30 July. A jet fighter took off at 7:55 a.m. and landed after a short test flight. A formation of about five jet fighters took off at 10:30 a.m. and headed west.
4 August. No flying was observed between 10 and 11 a.m. *
2. Six AA guns, six trucks, a jeep and some tents were observed on the landing field west of the taxiway. **
3. On 30 July, 50 men were digging holes along the western and northern edges of the field. A fence was under construction there. ***
4. At 5:17 a.m. on 5 August, the following personnel left Altenburg railroad station toward Berlin on the regular express train: two colonels, two lieutenant colonels, two majors, three captains, four lieutenants and two EM. All of them wore black-bordered blue epaulets with propeller insignia.

- 25X1 Comment. The report confirms that the fighter regiment from Brandis airfield was transferred to Altenburg. A total of 20 MiG-15s is believed to be stationed in Altenburg while about 10 MiG-15s of this fighter regiment have been stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield since 1 June 1952.
- 25X1 Comment. AA guns were observed at Altenburg airfield for the first time on 15 July 1952.
- 25X1 Comment. It is believed that Altenburg airfield is being surrounded by a board fence.

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